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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING November 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Library Community Room. President Seiler welcomed members, guests and those contemplating membership to the meeting. We were invited us to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country followed by a moment of silence to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety Professionals.

Directors Present: Michael Seiler, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Steve Stonehouse, Jim Woodford, Mike Clowers, Glenn Kopp

Members Present: Dana and Nancy Cornell, Greg Ward, Alan and Fran Cornell, Mark Kukuchek, Harriet and John Taylor, Donna Hodge, Sylvia Robledo, Sharmane Estolano, Scott Lewis

Guests Present: Representative from CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon, San Diego County Sheriff Rep. Julio Garcia, Barbara and Daniel Diaz, Cindy Haltermann, Vickie Pasterak, Russell Bradberry, Darya Bradberry, Barbara Provot, Nenette Rodriguez, Shane Parmely, Representative from Chula Vista Councilmember John McCann's office Samantha Trickey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lisa Martin Goodsell moved to approve, Glenn Kopp second, to approve October 3, 2018 minutes. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen Stonehouse reporting.

Checking	\$1,667.79
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,453.56
Ending Balance	\$5,121.35

Report accepted as presented.

Law Enforcement Reports:

CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon reported a total of 92 citations were given in October. Focus resulted in an increase in speeding tickets to 37 along San Miguel Road, Central and Winnetka. Seven cell phone use while driving tickets. Seven no right turn tickets (Frisbee), a few DUIs, 26 fail to stop, 10 for faulty equipment, 10 collisions. Officer Thepkulchon told us there is grant money available for specialized traffic enforcement. The CHP will use this money to pay officers' to work overtime exclusively for traffic control in our area. Concern was expressed about the dump truck(s) parked in front of Post Office on Central. They cause a significant line-of-sight issue for drivers exiting the parking lot. Conclusion: we need to address this issue with the County, by requesting a red curb, or no parking of large vehicles.

Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia updated us on Bonita crime activity. Good news, people kept home doors and windows locked. Bad news, residents left personal belongings and items of interest in plain view in their cars. This led to five cars broken into and the loss of a

purse, a backpack, and tools. These crimes of opportunity are easy ways for crooks to make some money and result in a lot of headaches for the car owners. Don't leave anything in plain sight. Mr. Garcia is available to help any of us set up Neighborhood Watch programs. He can be contacted at julio.garcia@sdsheriff.org

Elected Representative Reports:

Ms. Samantha Trickey, Councilmember John McCann's Office, told us a dog park is being planned for the NW side of Rohr Park at entrance A. City will liaison with local homeowners and the Live Steamers to keep everyone happy. There is currently no time frame for this project, but it will happen.

Mike Seiler reported that Council member McCann is working with the Chula Vista Council to keep pressure on SANDAG as they pursue ideas to temporarily reduce or eliminate tolls during the holiday shopping period.

New Business:

Harriet Taylor introduced Ms. Connie Nelson, the Southern CA representative for "Barricade", a fire blocking gel. Ms. Nelson gave us a demonstration in the Courtyard. The gel can be sprayed onto a house or building up to 72 hrs. before fire hits. We were told that if we sprayed our homes and left the remaining gel outside, fire fighters would re-spray to keep property safe. Ms. Nelson can be reached at connie@firegel.com or call (714) 649-3331. She emphasized the need for this product if we have horses and other animals that could be injured or killed in a wild fire. She is currently working to develop a fire protection blanket for horses. The cost will be around \$70. The fire gel cost is \$550/box. We may need 2 boxes to protect a large property.

Continuing Business:

The Traffic Committee presented a report on status of San Miguel Road and Proctor Valley Rd. discussions with County. A copy of this report will be sent to SVCA members. County plans include a proposed way to stop the SMR "passing on the right" problem with road restriping and use of bollards among other enhancements. County traffic study will result in a posted speed of 35 mph on Proctor Valley Rd.

Lisa Martin Goodsell presented a letter put together by the Bonita Alliance Subcommittee that she requested SVCA approval to be sent to the City of Chula Vista. Sharon Clayton moved and Mike Clowers provided the 2nd to approve sending the letter to Chula Vista. Discussion followed, and Tony Tieber was first to speak. He stated that he could approve the first half of the letter, but not the rest. He is strongly opposed to suggesting that Chula Vista build any more buildings. Lisa responded that the City does not deem the golf course building to be adequate for current, much less future needs. The current building is ill designed for space/room rentals. Additional work and storage space are needed. Regardless of how we feel, the City wants to build something—presumably a boutique hotel. Lisa suggested we watch for Chula Vista City Council agendas that deal with building heights. Facility use prices are going up, and improvements are/will continue to be made. With soccer being such a big sport, new irrigation systems are needed. All together, the City needs \$1.5 million to bring Rohr Park facility up to best standards. Lisa is proposing the idea of trade-offs as a way to keep the park funded and available for residential use. She was told it cost \$17,000/acre/yr to maintain the park land. The motion passed and letter will be sent. The Bonita Alliance Subcommittee was thanked for their hard work.

Community Forum:

Fire—Deputy Fire Chief Mike Sims told us about two brush abatement projects in Bonita: first, an effort by Bonita Fire, SDG&E, and US Fish and Wildlife has cleared a lot of dead brush, palm fronds, etc. along the west side of Proctor Valley Road. The work ended at the Chula Vista City Limits until continuation can be orchestrated with the City of Chula Vista. The other project is along Sweetwater Rd. in the Morrison Pond area. The County has organized a large brush cleanup and tree trimming effort. Both areas look much better and give us a greater degree of wildfire safety. DFC Sims was thanked for his efforts. We were all reminded that a lot still needs to be done in the riverbed to minimize fire danger to our community. DFC Sims also told us about an effort underway to change the composition of the Fire Department’s Board of Directors. Currently directors serve “at large” but with the adoption of AB-182 directors will be selected by district. Bonita will have 3 different voter districts. Bonita Fire is seeking input for district boundary lines.

Bonita Alliance—Lisa Martin Goodsell told us Bonita Alliance Subcommittee plans to move on to address the homeless issue in our community.

Planning Group—Stephen Stonehouse gave the update. A letter from the Sweetwater Community Planning Group was sent to David Norgard from Parks Dept. expressing our displeasure at how our Community Garden input was ignored in the planning process. Three new members have been proposed to Supervisor Cox to replace three who are leaving. Members of the Community Planning Group are in the process of developing a presentation to the Planning Commission that opposes the construction of the ACE Storage Facility. Steve told us the Sweetwater Community Planning Group has 7 members appointed in even years and 8 appointed in odd years.

Traffic/Roads—Tony Tieber No report.

Membership—Sharon Coleman was not present, but provided the current membership numbers: Individual—23, Family—38, Silver—2, Organizations—6, Gold—12.

Sr. Volunteer Patrol—Jim Woodford reported the Sr. Volunteer Patrol was somewhat stymied because their patrol car was unavailable for a week due to needing new brakes. The speed limit trailer is all charged up and ready to go back into service. He put it up on Winnetka, and anywhere else people want it.

October 2018 Sheriff Sr. Volunteer Activities:		Number of volunteers	19
Hours on Patrol	250	Number of Patrols	21
Number Miles Driven	977	Vacation Checks	114
YANA Visits	2	YANA calls	40
Citizen Assists	4	Traffic Control	14

Trails - Mark Kukuchek announced a monthly Rohr Park clean-up day. Work for a good cause and build community at the same time.

President Seiler told us he received a very nice letter from the Sunnyside Saddle Club thanking us for our 2018 sponsorship.

Lisa Goodsell moved, Sharon Clayton seconded to adjourn meeting. So moved.

President Seiler adjourned meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Tieber
Secretary, SVCA

Mission Statement: The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association is the direct conduit to local County elected and appointed officials, law enforcement and emergency first responders to discuss and resolve issues directly related to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley communities.